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RAILROADS IN MOSCOW AREA IMPROVE AND EXPAND

RAILROAD SECTION OPERATES EFFICIENTLY -- Gudok, No 55, 8 May 49

Enterprises of the Moscow section of the Kalinin Railroad System made a profit of 1,753,000 rubles during the first quarter of 1949 and released 346,000 rubles of working capital. Turnover of cars was speeded up by 18.8 percent, realizing a saving of 638,000 car-hours. Delivery of shipments to consigners was an average of 5 hours than the norm. By making up trains according to the Krasnov method, the stations of the Moscow area reduced car delay by 22,206 car-hours.

At the beginning of the first quarter the tonnage norm was raised by 100 tons. This raised norm was exceeded during the first quarter by 9.2 percent. Above-plan operations during the quarter amounted to 102 heavily loaded trains, or 21,425 tons of freight. During the quarter, 15 percent of the allotted fuel, valuing 650,000 rubles, was saved.

In comparison with 1948, during the first quarter of 1949 the time required for washing repairs was lowered by 8.7 hours and the time necessary for overhaul was reduced by 1.7 days.

RAILROAD REPAIR PROGRESSES -- Gudok, No 57, 13 May 49

Maintenance work on the Moscow section of the Moscow-Kursk Railroad System is progressing well. At the beginning of last winter the section had an average rating of 96 points. Repairs made during the winter reduced this figure to 26 points and workers of the section have promised to reduce the rating of the main track to 20 points and that of bridges to 15 points before 1 August.

Workshops of the section have completed 53 percent of the year plan for repair of materials. So far this year 27 tons of spikes, 37 tons of fishplates, 26 tons of tie plates, and 9 tons of bolts have been reconditioned, and 10,300 anticreepers and 38 frogs have been prepared. Seventy-seven frogs have been welded, the ends of rails along 10 kilometers of track have been ground, and 2.5 kilometers of rails have been welded out of short sections.

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Workers of the section saved 276,400 rubles above plan during the first 4 months of 1949; the year plan calls for 500,000 rubles. Speeding up the turnover of working capital enabled the section to release 40,000 rubles of working capital.

DEPOT FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS -- Gudok, No 56, 11 May 49

Workers of the Moscow Marshalling Depot have fulfilled the pledges made in a letter to Stalin. Having promised to achieve a 75,000-kilometer run between locomotive overhauls, the workers achieved a figure of 76,089. Against a promised fuel economy of 35,000 tons, the depot saved 35,950 tons between 1 August 1948 and 1 March 1949. As of 1 January 1949, monetary savings amounted to 2,095,973 rubles, as compared with a pledge of 1.5 million rubles. During the first 4 months of 1949, average daily distance traveled amounted to 18 kilometers above the norm. The Five-Year Plan for medium repair of locomotives was fulfilled as of 1 May 1949. During the first quarter of 1949, above-plan profits amounted to 1,896,600 rubles. The workers promised to free 190,000 rubles during 1949 by speeding up the turnover of working capital. As of 1 May 1949 192,000 rubles of freed capital had been deposited in the bank. The new mean progressive norms introduced in the depot were fulfilled 180 percent during the first quarter.

SUBWAY MAKES PROGRESS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 112, 12 May 49

As of 12 May, 600 meters of the Moscow Subway between Pavelets and Serpukhov Stations had been completed. This represented 150 percent of the plan. The roadbed between Pavelets and Taganskiy Stations is being laid out.

Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 106, 7 May 49

Moscow Subway builders have fulfilled construction of a three-story building near Taganskaya Square. It is intended for the traction substation, which will supply electric current to the Kursk Station-Crimea Square line on the Outer Belt Subway.

Assembly workers have begun to work on the substation equipment. Complex machinery will be installed, including mercury-arc rectifiers, powerful transformers, storage batteries, etc. Control of the substation will be completely automatic.

FREIGHT SORTING EFFICIENT -- Gudok, No 54, 6 May 49

The sorting platform of the Moskva-Tovarnaya Station of the Moscow-Ryazan' Railroad System sorts an average of 25 carloads of small shipments per shift.

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